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NEWS RELEASE

TO: Area Media Outlets

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RE: *CORRECTED VERSION *BAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SPECIAL ADULT IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVE

RUN: Immediate Release

The Bay County Health Department is pleased to announce the expansion of our adult vaccine program for those adults 19 years of age and older who are uninsured (without health insurance coverage) or underinsured (health insurance that does not cover immunizations). Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) the State of Michigan is able to offer Local Health Departments several vaccines for adults meeting the above criteria. The following vaccines are being offered by the Bay County Health Department as part of this program: HPV (Gardasil) for women 19-26 years of age, Pneumonia vaccine, Td/Tdap, MMR, Hepatitis A, Varicella (Chickenpox), Hepatitis B, Zostavax (Shingles) for adults 60-64 (**must bring in a prescription for Zostavax**).

ARRA adult vaccination clinics will be held on Fridays 8:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m., by appointment only at the Bay County Health Department 1200 Washington Avenue, Bay City, while supplies last. An administration fee of \$14.25 will be charged for each injection. The health department accepts cash or check. Credit cards/debit cards are not accepted at this time.

For additional information please visit Bay County Health Department's website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health or for more information on the availability of vaccine, or to schedule an appointment please call (989) 895-4009, #1.